GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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EXEMPTION OF TAX ON TEA GROWN BY SMALL GROWERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representation from Small Tea Growers for exemption of tax on tea grown by small growers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM):

(a) and (b) So far as direct taxes are concerned, representations from organizations such as Indian Tea Association and United Planters Association of Southern India (UPASI) have been received seeking certain tax concessions for tea industry in general. As far as indirect taxes are concerned, the Government had been receiving representation from tea industry requesting exemption from additional duty of excise on tea. In this year`s Budget, Government has withdrawn additional duty of excise and additional duty of customs on tea and tea waste.